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At some points on the surface there is a dirty white incrustation. This, on examination, proved to be carbonate of lime, and is without doubt due to the deposits from the calcareous soil in which the meteorite was embedded.

The prevailing color of this iron is dark reddish brown, more inclined to red than others of this fall that we have seen.

On cutting a section from the meteorite, and treating the polished surface with nitric acid, the characteristic Wiedmannstaaten markings are visible. The fragments of troilite can be plainly seen on the polished surface. The meteorite has about the same arrangement of iron, olivine, etc., as others of this group. Its specific gravity, as obtained from the whole mass, is 4.79; that of the iron and nickel alloy is 7.70; of the olivine (yellow), 3.64 (water at 25° C). The volume of the entire mass, determined in the process of obtaining its specific gravity, was found to be 20.6 litres.

Professor E. H. S. Bailey of this university is making a thorough analysis of this pallasite, which he will report in detail at the Indianapolis meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

F. H. SNOW.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan., July 9.

#### A Supposed Footprint in Rock.

In a field belonging to Mr. J. G. Bemis, in the town of Whitefield, Coos County, N.H., there is a rock of granite upon which is the impression of a man's left foot. It is a naked foot, and has slipped slightly in passing over the rock when in a muddy condition. No one had mentioned this fact to Mr. Bemis when he bought the farm. The rock is like the rest of the rocks in the place, granite. The place is a very solitary one; and probably no one, till Mr. Bemis came, who is a man of much observation, ever observed it.

A sketch made by Professor Grundmann, and specimens of the rock, were shown to Mr. Walter G. Davis, the director of the Meteorological Bureau, Cordoba, South America. He considered

it very curious, but, not being a geologist by profession, advised its being brought to notice. The place is two miles north of the village of Whitefield, N.H., not far from The Mountain View House, owned by Mr. W. F. Dodge, and near the estate of the Rev. R. C. Waterston (summer residence).

A. W.

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